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Since production of war materials is an essential part of the Five-Year Plan, war plant officers have been named at the direction of the Cominform to head the plant triangles.

During World War II war plant officers were usually older officers retired from the front, but now they are State Security Authority (AVH) political commissars. AVO /paper uses AVO and AVH interchangeably/ henchmen armed with tommy guns search every worker as he enters and leaves the plant, to prevent sabotage or espionage.

SOVIET COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF APPOINTED FOR HUNGARY -- Stockholm Morgon Tidningen, 15 Nov 50

Graz, 14 November -- According to the Austrian newspaper Steyrerblatt, a Soviet officer has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Hungarian Army.

The newspaper stated that the new commander-in-chief, Stefan Bartta, was born in Russia and received his military training there. It added that he was formally discharged from the Red Army and transferred to the Hungarian Army.

RESERVISTS CALLED FOR 3 MONTHS' TRAINING -- Munich, Hungaria, 20 Oct 50

Following the distribution of new military identification papers indicating political reliability, the interviewing of military reservists was begun in September. Those who pass this screening, also, are eligible to be called for 3 months' training.

The first group to be called, artillerymen, armored units, technicians, and 20- and 21-year-old recruits, received orders to report by 1 October. By the end of their 3-month training period, a new group will be called.

Although the State Security Authority is supervising military induction, many fail to report for duty. This is especially true of new recruits, who either hide at home, or escape to the West.

350,000 ORGANIZED INTO WORKERS' MILITIA -- Munich, Hungaria, 10 Nov 50

Vienna sources report that upon express orders from Moscow, worker masses in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Rumania, and Bulgaria, now apparently completely indoctrinated with Communism, have been organized into militia units for the "Peace Front." After speeches by Matyas Rakosi and Mihaly Farkas, the 29 September confidential ministerial conference ordered the induction, arming, and training of 350,000 workers.

On 1 October workers' militia units were organized at every industrial site and workshop employing more than ten persons, and 3 days later the training of well over 300,000 men began. Day after day, from 1800 to 2000 hours, the workers undergo the same basic training as partisans. Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings, State Security Authority officers instruct groups of 100 in military and industrial counterespionage. Officers training the workers' militias have been trained in the USSR since spring 1948.

The new military organization is called the "Work and Defense Association," and consists of 100 brigades, which are divided into six commands. Simultaneously with the formation of the Work and Defense Association, there was created a "Citizen's Defense Authority" which now occupies a four-story building on Marko Utca.

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On 29 October elite units of the new militia marched out to a field at Huvosvolgy to the tune of Russian martial music. After certain military exercises, the men listened to a speech by Lieutenant General Farkas on the necessity of armed preparedness.

PURGE RANKS OF "WARRIORS FOR LIBERTY" -- Munich, Hungaria, 27 Oct 50

It is reported from Vienna that Hungarian Communists have organized a Matyas Rakosi brigade to support Korean Communists.

At the same time, a large-scale purge has been begun in the Warriors for Liberty Association, many members of which are joining the Communist partisans. After reviewing the reports of the county secretaries, Adam Gubis, head of the organization section, decided that the ranks of the Warriors for Liberty should be purged and tightened up. At present, morale has sunk to such a low level that only 10-20 percent of the members attend the 90-hour basic training course, arms rust in the racks, and weapons have been stolen. In the course of the purge, 40-45 percent of the members are to be dropped from the society.

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